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Bags for Patients Effects in Evacuation

1. Effective immediately it is desired that patients be supplied with bags for their personal effects, such as valuables, trinkets, personal papers, toilet articles, etc., and that such bags accompany patients throughout the chain of evacuation. Medical Department Item No. 9904500, Bag, Patient's Effects, or suitable substitute, will be used. The patient should be issued this bag at the earliest practical point in the chain of evacuation and it will remain his property as long as he is a patient. It will accompany him from hospital to hospital and on evacuation to the Zone of Interior. It will be turned in when he is returned to duty. Each hospital will establish a procedure to insure the return of bags upon discharge of patients to duty.

2. A continual depletion of bags in the forward elements of the evacuation chain and the building up of stocks in the rear elements is to be expected. Medical installations requiring bags will procure them through normal Medical supply channels. Hospitals accumulating an excess of bags will promptly turn them in to the nearest Medical depot so that theater stocks may be maintained. Before being returned to depots, bags will be turned inside out to insure that crumbs, loose tobacco, etc., are removed. Laundering will be accomplished when indicated. Levels (on hand plus on order) are established as follows:

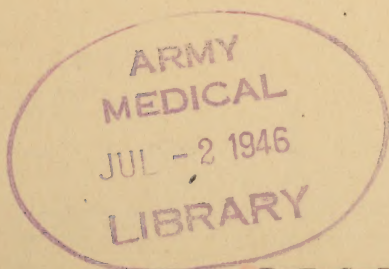
Communications Zone Hospitals

0.5 per bed

Field Army Medical Installations

Not to exceed
estimated 7 days'
consumption.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:



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